



# HF Happenings 987

What the pigeons saw at Field Day!

## Get ready to Celebrate St Patrick's Day in true amateur style!



The ides of March are upon us (unlucky for Julius Caesar) and it is the perfect time to join the Irish Radio Transmitters Society or take part in the upcoming Saint Patrick's Day Award. The best thing about both? You do not even have to be Irish to participate. Plus, you can accomplish both from the comfort of your greened-out shack, leprechaun optional.

The Irish Radio Transmitters Society (IRTS) is completely volunteer run and represents the interests of amateur radio on a national and international basis with the aim to encourage experimentation in radio, which is exactly how the original founder, Colonel Meade Dennis, first got his feet wet as an operator and subsequently how the IRTS got its start.

Dennis lived near Baltinglass, County Wicklow and first became interested in radio after attending an 1898 lecture in Dublin titled, *Signalling through Space without Wires*. He left so inspired by the topic that he decided to build his own transmitter and receiver, purported to have sent messages a distance of more than 70 yards and, according to the IRTS, he was "probably the first Amateur Radio experimenter in the world."

### March

15 - the Ides of March (beware Julius Caesar!)

16 - the SARL 80 m Club Contest

17 - St Patrick's Day; Inland schools close

18 - Closing date for Field Day logs

19 and 20 - the SARL VHF Analogue contest

20 - Autumn Equinox @ 17:32 CAT

21 - Human Rights Day; Namibian Independence Day; Closing date for Club contest logs

23 - 19:00 Sandton ARC Talking Tech Power Hour on 145.700/Echolink

25 Coastal schools close

26 and 27 - CQ WPX SSB contest

27 - Closing date for SARL VHF/UHF Analogue logs

### April

1 - start of the SAMOC April Word Search

2 - Start of Ramadan, the RaDAR Challenge and the Pretoria ARC Flea Market

5 - inland and coastal schools open

9 - the SARL "Taking Amateur Radio into the Digital Age" Symposium, the Autumn QRP contest and the regional FT4 DX contest

Dennis later became one of the founding members of the Dublin Wireless Club in 1913 where he earned his first call sign of DNX. This later changed to GW11B following Irish independence and later E12B in 1929 when the Irish Free State began issuing EI call signs. In 1932, the Dublin Wireless Club transitioned into the IRTS of today with Dennis as its first president. And he was a president who took great notes. Excerpts from Dennis' original papers can be viewed on the IRTS website (which is pretty darn cool) and you can also learn more about the organization and founders' history <https://www.irts.ie/cgi/st.cgi?ei2b>.

You can also visit the IRTS website to become a member and you do not even have to be a resident of Ireland or have a license to join. Membership is open to shortwave listeners as well as licensed operators, with many choosing to pursue licensure after they join. Once you do join, as a listener or operator, you get lots of great perks like instant access to *Echo Ireland* ([www.irts.ie/dnloads/2020\\_01\\_sample.pdf](http://www.irts.ie/dnloads/2020_01_sample.pdf)), monthly EiNews news sheets [www.irts.ie/cgi/st.cgi?elib](http://www.irts.ie/cgi/st.cgi?elib), weekly radio news bulletins, the QSL bureau, and, of course, lots of great contests! Plus, the IRTS offers special pricing for ham families, members who live outside of Ireland, students, and the unemployed. You can visit the IRTS website to learn more about all things amateur radio in Ireland <https://www.irts.ie/cgi/index.cgi>.

### Saint Patrick's Day Award

From 12:00 UTC on Wednesday 16 March to 12:00 UTC on Friday 18 March you can turn the airwaves green with 48 hours of non-competitive fun during the Saint Patrick's Day Award. Anyone, anywhere in the world with a license or if you are into shortwave listening is eligible to participate, but all stations must be registered before noon on 16 March. Award categories include:

*SPD Award* - as long as your station registers for the Saint Patrick's Day (SPD) Award and you transmit at least once during the 48-hour period, you will get to add the SPD Award to your list of conquests.

*Fixed/Portable Station Award* - make direct two-way contact with a minimum of 10 SPD Award stations from a fixed location using any mode within the rules to earn this one.

*Digital Station Award* - make direct two-way contact with at least 20 SPD Award stations using any digital mode, including FT8, DMR, JT65, D-STAR, Echolink, etc.

*Mobile Station Award* – make direct two-way contact with a minimum of five SPD Award stations from a mobile location using any mode.

*Shortwave Listener Award* - make two-way contact with at least 10 other SPD Award stations using any mode.

You can register your station <https://www.stpatricksaward.com/register-a-station> and apply for your award <https://www.stpatricksaward.com/copy-of-register-a-station> on the Saint Patrick's Day Award website <https://www.stpatricksaward.com/> or view the other stations that will be operating during the event. And make sure to use the Saint Patrick's Day Award event Facebook page to post your location during the event to make sure other amateurs know your operating locale <https://www.facebook.com/St-Patricks-Award-1100697056639846/>.

And as the Irish might say, "May you escape the gallows, avoid distress, and be as healthy as a trout." We, of course, feel confident that you will.

### Beaches on the Air

Is Sid, ZS5SID the only amateur active on Beaches on the Air (BOTA)? Visit [www.beachesontheair.com/rolls/countries](http://www.beachesontheair.com/rolls/countries) and [www.beachesontheair.com/rolls/continents](http://www.beachesontheair.com/rolls/continents) for more information.

### Ice fishing tent makes winter amateur radio comfy

Donald Papp writes on Hackaday about the winter field day operation of Steve Bossert, K2GOG. Cross-pollination between different activities and industries can yield some pretty useful



techniques or product combinations, and Steve shares some details on using ice fishing gear to make winter amateur radio activities more comfortable and portable.

With the help of a folding tent shelter, Steve was able to create a minimal and self-contained field station that hosted all his needed equipment and with the help of a small propane heater, stayed quite comfortable during a 24 hour winter event.

Read the full story at <https://hackaday.com/2022/03/12/ice-fishing-tent-makes-winter-ham-radio-comfy/>.

Our winters are cold, but not as cold as up there in the northern hemisphere!

## **DX from Africa**

For the All Africa Award Challenge (Achieve your AAA by 30 September 2022 and stand a chance to win SARL membership for one year – luck draw. CW, phone and digital modes – No FT modes.)



South Sudan, Z8. Diya, YI1DZ expects to be back to Juba, South Sudan on 11 March and to be active again as Z81D in his spare time over the next six months. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via OM3JW.

## **African Islands**

African Tour. Look for Don, K6ZO, to travel back to the Comoros Islands (AF-007) and be active as D60AB between 16 and 29 March. He plans to participate in CQ WW WPX SSB Contest on 26 and 27 March. Don will make a side trip to Mayotte (AF-027) and be active as FH/K6ZO between 18 and 23 March. Activity from all locations will probably be on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and the digital modes. QSL all call signs via his home call sign direct.

## **Contest Calendar**

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 7 to 14 March 2022.



4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint  
00:00 - 02:00 UTC 14 March  
Geographic Focus: North America  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW, SSB  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op  
Max power: CW: 5 watts, SSB: 10 watts  
Exchange: Member: RS(T), state, province or country and member no; Non-member: RS(T), state, province or country and power  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member  
Multipliers: (none)  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points  
Submit logs by: 16 March 2022  
E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log  
summary at: <http://qrpccontest.com/4sqrp>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at:  
[http://www.4sqrp.com/SSS/sss\\_rules.pdf](http://www.4sqrp.com/SSS/sss_rules.pdf)

K1USN Slow Speed Test  
00:00 - 01:00 UTC 14 March  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;  
QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: Maximum 20 wpm - Name and state, province or country  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once per band; W/VE do not count as country mults

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

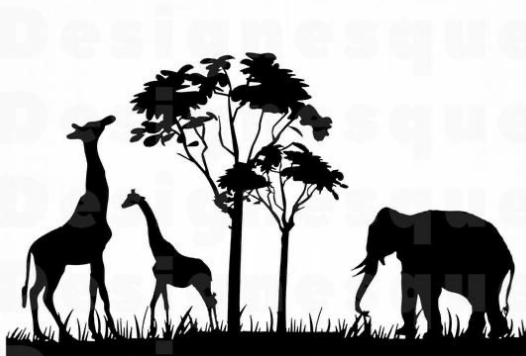
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 16 March 2022

Post log summary at:

<http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html>



OK1WC Memorial (MWC)

16:30 - 17:29 UTC 14 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP or low; Single Op Single Band - QRP or low

Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: RST and serial no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each last character of worked station call suffix once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 06:00 UTC 18 March 2022

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: <https://memorial-ok1wc.cz/index.php?page=logs>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <https://memorial-ok1wc.cz/index.php?page=rules2>

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest

01:00 - 01:59 UTC 15 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high - Overlay: Youth (26 years old or younger); Youth YL (female 26 years old or younger); YL (female older than 26 years)

Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts;

QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: RS and age group (OM, YL, Youth YL or Youth)

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with OM; 5 points per QSO with YL; 10 points per QSO with Youth; 15 points per QSO with Youth YL

Multipliers: Each DXCC once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 01:59 UTC 16 March 2022

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: <https://logs.wwsac.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <https://wwsac.com/rules.html>

CLARA Chatter Party

17:00 UTC 15 March to 17:00 UTC 16 March and 17:00 UTC 19 March to 17:00 UTC 20 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, Phone

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - low or high

Max operating hours: 24

Max power: HP: >200 W; LP: 200 W

Exchange: RS(T), name and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 10 points per QSO with CLARA member; 5 points per QSO with CLARA family member; 5 points per QSO with non-member YL; 1 point per QSO with OM

Multipliers: Each VE province/territory once per band per mode; Each US state (must be YL QSO) once per band per mode; Each DXCC country (must be YL QSO) once per band per mode

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 15 April 2022

E-mail logs to: [va1yl@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:va1yl@ns.sympatico.ca)

Mail logs to: Helen Archibald, VA1YL, 25 Canard Street RR#1., Port Williams, NS B0P 1T0, Canada

Find rules at: <https://clarayl.ca/chatter-party/>

#### RTTYOPS Week Sprint

17:00 - 19:00 UTC 15 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: RTTY

Bands: 80, 40, 20 m

Classes: Single Op

Max operating hours: 2 hours

Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial  
no and your name

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
points

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 22 March 2022

E-mail logs to: [rtty-week-tuesday@rttyops.com](mailto:rtty-week-tuesday@rttyops.com)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://rttyops.com/>

#### QRP Fox Hunt

01:00 - 02:30 UTC 16 March

Geographic Focus: United States

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 40 m Only

Classes: Single Op - fox or hound

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country,  
name and power output

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
points

Submit logs by: 02:30 UTC 17 March 2022

E-mail logs to: (see rules)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter\\_rules.htm](http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm)

#### Phone Weekly Test

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 16 March

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m

Classes: Single Op

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or  
country; non-NA: Name

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-  
NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7)  
once per band; Each VE province/territory  
once per band; Each North American country  
(except W/VE) once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
points x total mults

Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 18 March 2022

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at:

<http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[http://www.perluma.com/Phone\\_Fray\\_Conest\\_Rules.pdf](http://www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Conest_Rules.pdf)



#### A1Club AWT

12:00 - 13:00 UTC 16 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;

QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Member: RST and name

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each call once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
points x total mults

Submit logs by: 21 March 2022

Post log summary at:

<http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <https://a1club.org/contest/awt/>

#### CWops Test (CWT)

13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 16 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 17 March  
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Awards: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
 Exchange: Member: Name and member no or CWA; non-Member: Name and state, province or country  
 Work stations: Once per band  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
 Multipliers: Each call once  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 08:00 UTC 19 March 2022  
 Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: <https://cwops.org/cwops-tests/>



Mini-Test 40  
 17:00 - 17:59 UTC 16 March  
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 40 m Only  
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
 Exchange: RST and serial no  
 Work stations: Once per 10 minute period  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each call once  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 18 March 2022  
 Upload log at: [https://ua9qcq.com/en/submit\\_log.php?lang=en](https://ua9qcq.com/en/submit_log.php?lang=en)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: <http://minitest.narod.ru/>

Mini-Test 80  
 18:00 - 18:59 UTC 16 March  
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 80 m Only  
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
 Exchange: RST and serial no  
 Work stations: Once per 10 minute period  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
 Multipliers: Each call once  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 18 March 2022  
 Upload log at: [https://ua9qcq.com/en/submit\\_log.php?lang=en](https://ua9qcq.com/en/submit_log.php?lang=en)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: <http://minitest.narod.ru/>

RSGB 80 m CW Club Championship  
 20:00 - 21:30 UTC 16 March  
 Geographic Focus: United Kingdom  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Awards: United Kingdom  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 80 m Only  
 Classes: (none)  
 Exchange: RST and serial no  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
 Multipliers: (none)  
 Score Calculation: (see rules)  
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 17 March 2022  
 Upload log at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: <https://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2022/r80mcc.shtml>

Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest  
 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 17 March and 02:00 - 03:00 UTC 18 March  
 Geographic Focus: North America  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 20 m Only  
 Classes: Single Op  
 Max power: 5 watts  
 Exchange: Maximum 13 wpm – RST, state, province or country, name and member no or power  
 Work stations: Once per day  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 3 points per QSO with member on same continent; 5 points per QSO with member on different continent  
 Multipliers: (none)  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points  
 Submit logs by: 24 March 2022  
 E-mail logs to: (none)  
 Upload log at:  
<https://qrptest.com/pigwalk20/autolog.php>  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at:  
<https://qrptest.com/pigwalk20/>

NAQCC CW Sprint  
 00:30 - 02:30 UTC 17 March  
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 80, 40, 20 m  
 Classes: (none)  
 Max power: 5 watts  
 Exchange: RST, state, province or country and NAQCC no or power  
 Work stations: Once per band  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member  
 Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once; Key Type Mult: 2 x if straight key, 1,5 x if bug, 1 x if other  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x key type mult  
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 20 March 2022  
 E-mail logs to: [naqcc33@windstream.net](mailto:naqcc33@windstream.net)  
[jcoreyc@gmail.com](mailto:jcoreyc@gmail.com)

Upload log at:  
[http://naqcc.info/sprint\\_submit\\_log.html](http://naqcc.info/sprint_submit_log.html)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at:  
[http://naqcc.info/scoreboard.php?sprint\\_name=202203](http://naqcc.info/scoreboard.php?sprint_name=202203)

RTTYOPS Week Sprint  
 17:00 - 19:00 UTC 17 March  
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: RTTY  
 Bands: 80, 40, 20 m  
 Classes: Single Op  
 Max operating hours: 2 hours  
 Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no and your name  
 Work stations: Once per band  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
 Multipliers: (none)  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points  
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 24 March 2022  
 E-mail logs to: [rtty-week-thursday@rttyops.com](mailto:rtty-week-thursday@rttyops.com)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: <http://rttyops.com/>



BCC QSO Party  
 19:00 - 20:59 UTC 17 March  
 Geographic Focus: Europe  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW, SSB, RTTY  
 Bands: 80 m Only  
 Classes: BCC Members - QRP, low or high; Non-Members - QRP, low or high  
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
 Exchange: RS(T) and T-shirt size (see rules)  
 Work stations: Once per mode



QSO Points: 2 points per QSO with BCC member; 1 point per QSO with non-member; 5 points per QSO with DA0BCC  
 Multipliers: Each T-shirt size once per mode  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 21:59 UTC 17 March 2022  
 E-mail logs to: (none)  
 Upload log at: [http://dl6mhw.de/~dl6mhw/bcc/log\\_upload.php](http://dl6mhw.de/~dl6mhw/bcc/log_upload.php)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: <http://www.bavarian-contest-club.de/contest/qso-party-2022/Rules-BCC-QSO-Parties-2022;art635,2495>

EACW Meeting  
 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 17 March  
 Geographic Focus: Spain  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 80, 40 m  
 Classes: Single Op  
 Exchange: EACW Member: RST, member no and nickname; EA non-Member: RST, nickname and EA province; non-EA: RST, nickname and DXCC prefix  
 Work stations: Once per band  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
 Multipliers: (none)  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points  
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 19 March 2022  
 E-mail logs to: (none)  
 Post log summary at: <https://www.eacwspain.es/subir-puntuacion-meeting/>  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: <https://www.eacwspain.es/eacwmeeting/>



NTC QSO Party  
 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 17 March  
 Geographic Focus: The Netherlands

Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 80, 40, 20 m  
 Classes: Electronic Keyer; Mechanical Keyer  
 Exchange: NTC Member: RST and member no; non-Member: RST and "NM" - Less than 25 wpm  
 Work stations: Once per band  
 QSO Points: 3 points per QSO with PG6NTC; 2 points per QSO with NTC member; 1 point per QSO with non-member  
 Multipliers: (none)  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points  
 Submit logs by: 20 March 2022  
 E-mail logs to: [NetTelClub@outlook.com](mailto:NetTelClub@outlook.com)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: <https://qsl.net/ntc/party.html>

QRP Fox Hunt  
 01:00 - 02:30 UTC 18 March  
 Geographic Focus: United States  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 80 m Only  
 Classes: Single Op - fox or hound  
 Max power: 5 watts  
 Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
 Multipliers: (none)  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points  
 Submit logs by: 02:30 UTC 19 March 2022  
 E-mail logs to: (see rules)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: [http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter\\_rules.htm](http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm)

NCCC RTTY Sprint  
 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 18 March  
 Geographic Focus: North America  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: RTTY  
 Bands: (see rules)  
 Classes: (none)  
 Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 20 March 2022  
 E-mail logs to: (none)



Post log summary at:

<http://www.3830scores.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<https://ncccsprint.com/rttyns.html>

NCCC Sprint

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 18 March

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 20 March 2022

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at:

<http://www.3830scores.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<https://ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

K1USN Slow Speed Test

20:00 - 21:00 UTC 18 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;

QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Maximum 20 wpm - Name and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once per band; W/VE do not count as country mults

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 20 March 2022

Post log summary at:

<http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html>

BARTG HF RTTY Contest

02:00 UTC 19 March to 01:59 UTC 21 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide

Mode: RTTY

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op Expert All Band; Single Op Single Radio All Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Single Radio All Band 6 Hours; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Op Single Radio; Multi-Op Multi-Radio

Max operating hours: Single Op: 30 hours with at least 3 hour rest period; Single Op 6 Hours: 6 hours; Multi-Op: 48 hours

Max power: HP: >100 Watts; LP: 100 Watts; QRP: 5 Watts

Exchange: RST, serial no and 4-digit time (UTC)

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: DXCC countries once per band; JA, W, VE and VK areas once per band; Continents once regardless of band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total country/area mults x continents

Submit logs by: 01:59 UTC 28 March 2022

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: <http://bartg.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.bartg.org.uk/>



Russian DX Contest

12:00 UTC 19 March to 12:00 UTC 20 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band Mixed - QRP, low or high; Single Op All Band CW - low or high; Single Op All Band SSB - low or high; Single Op Single Band Mixed; Multi-Single; Multi-Two; Multi-Multi; SWL

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Ru: RS(T) and 2-character oblast; non-Ru: RS(T) and serial no

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: Ru Stations: 2 points per QSO with same country same continent; Ru Stations: 5 points per QSO with same country different continent; Ru Stations: 3 points per QSO with different country same continent; Ru Stations: 5 points per QSO with different continent; non-Ru Stations: 10 points per QSO with Ru station; non-Ru Stations: 2 points per QSO with same country; non-Ru Stations: 3 points per QSO with different country same continent; non-Ru Stations: 5 points per QSO with different continent; 5 points per QSO with /MM

Multipliers: Each oblast once per band; Each country once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 3 April 2022

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at:

<http://www.rdx.org/asp/pages/wwwlog.asp>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.rdx.org/asp/pages/rulesg.asp>

#### F9AA SSB Cup

12:00 UTC 19 March to 12:00 UTC 20 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 2 m

Classes: >100 W; >10 - 100 W; 10 W

Exchange: RST and serial no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with individual; 5 points per QSO with club; 50 points per QSO with F8URC

Multipliers: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 19 April 2022

E-mail logs to: [concoursf9aa@urc.asso.fr](mailto:concoursf9aa@urc.asso.fr)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.site.urc.asso.fr/index.php/urchaut-6/om-6/131-trophee-f9aa>

#### Virginia QSO Party

14:00 UTC 19 March to 04:00 UTC 20 March and 12:00 - 24:00 UTC 20 March

Geographic Focus: United States/Canada

state/province QSO party

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, Phone, Digital

Bands: All, except WARC

Classes: Single Op - fixed, mobile or expedition - QRP, low or high - multi-band or single-band - CW, phone, digital or mixed; Multi-Single - fixed, mobile or expedition - QRP, low or high - multi-band or single-band - CW, phone, digital or mixed; Multi-Multi - fixed, mobile or expedition - QRP, low or high - multi-band or single-band - CW, phone, digital or mixed

Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: VA: Serial no and county; non-VA:

Serial no and state, province or DX

Work stations: Once per band per mode

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 15 April 2022

E-mail logs to: [vqp@verizon.net](mailto:vqp@verizon.net)

Upload log at:

[https://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA\\_QSO\\_Party/2022\\_VQP/2022\\_VQP\\_Log\\_Submittal.html](https://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA_QSO_Party/2022_VQP/2022_VQP_Log_Submittal.html)

Mail logs to: VA QSO Party, Call Box 599, Sterling, VA 20167, USA

Find rules at:

[https://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA\\_QSO\\_Party/2022\\_VQP/2022\\_VQP\\_Main.html](https://www.qsl.net/sterling/VA_QSO_Party/2022_VQP/2022_VQP_Main.html)

#### Feld Hell Sprint

20:00 - 21:59 UTC 19 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: Feld Hell

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: (none)

Max power: Standard: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: (see rules)

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

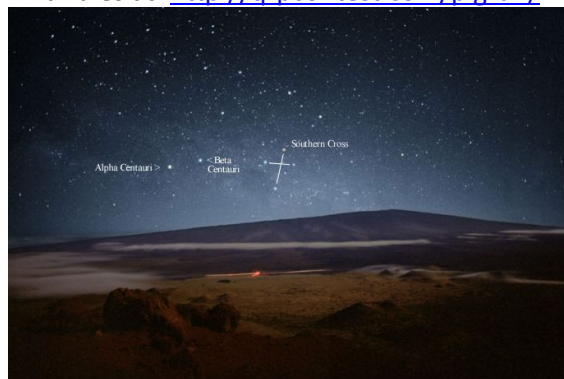
Bonus Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (see rules)  
 Score Calculation: (see rules)  
 Submit logs by: 23 March 2022  
 Upload log at:  
<https://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/>  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at:  
<https://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home/contests/sprints/leprechaun-sprint>

UBA Spring SSB Contest  
 07:00 - 11:00 UTC 20 March  
 Geographic Focus: Belgium  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: SSB  
 Bands: 80 m Only  
 Classes: Single; SWL  
 Max power: non-QRP: >10 watts; QRP: 10 watts  
 Exchange: ON: RS, serial no and UBA Section; non-ON: RS and serial no  
 QSO Points: 3 points per QSO with Belgian station  
 Multipliers: Each UBA Section  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 3 April 2022  
 E-mail logs to: (none)  
 Upload log at: <http://springcontest.on4dst.be/>  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: <http://www.uba.be/hf/contest-rules/spring-contest>

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest  
 23:00 UTC 20 March to 01:00 UTC 21 March  
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
 Classes: Single Band; All Band  
 Max power: 5 watts  
 Exchange: RST, state, province or country and member no or power  
 Work stations: Once per band  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 3 points per QSO with member on same continent; 5 points per QSO with member on different continent  
 Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once; Multiply mults by 2 if >50 members worked

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 27 March 2022  
 E-mail logs to: (none)  
 Upload log at:  
<http://qrpcontest.com/pigrun/autolog.php>  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: <http://qrpcontest.com/pigrun/>



K1USN Slow Speed Test  
 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 21 March  
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
 Exchange: Maximum 20 wpm - Name and state, province or country  
 Work stations: Once per band  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
 Multipliers: Each state, province or country once per band; W/VE do not count as country mults  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 23 March 2022  
 Post log summary at:  
<http://www.3830scores.com>  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: <http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html>

OK1WC Memorial (MWC)  
 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 21 March  
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 80, 40 m  
 Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP or low; Single Op Single Band - QRP or low  
 Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts



Exchange: RST and serial no  
 Work stations: Once per band  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
 Multipliers: Each last character of worked station call suffix once per band  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 06:00 UTC 25 March 2022  
 E-mail logs to: (none)  
 Upload log at: <https://memorial-ok1wc.cz/index.php?page=logs>  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: <https://memorial-ok1wc.cz/index.php?page=rules2>

Bucharest Digital Contest  
 18:00 - 20:59 UTC 21 March  
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: FT4  
 Bands: 80, 40 m  
 Classes: Single Op - QRP or low - 2-band or single band; Single Op 2 Radio Low Power 2-Band  
 Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
 Exchange: RST and QSO no  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
 Multipliers: (none)  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points  
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 28 March 2022  
 E-mail logs to: [bucurestidigital@gmail.com](mailto:bucurestidigital@gmail.com)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: <https://yo3test201x.blogspot.com/>

### Next Week's Contests



Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 22 March  
 RTTYOPS Week Sprint, 17:00 - 19:00 UTC 22 March  
 SKCC Sprint, 00:00 - 02:00 UTC 23 March  
 QRP Fox Hunt, 01:00 - 02:30 UTC 23 March  
 Phone Weekly Test, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 23 March  
 A1Club AWT 12:00 - 13:00 UTC 23 March  
 CWops Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 23 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 24 March  
 Mini-Test 40, 17:00 - 17:59 UTC 23 March  
 Mini-Test 80, 18:00 - 18:59 UTC 23 March  
 RTTYOPS Week Sprint, 17:00 - 19:00 UTC 24 March  
 EACW Meeting, 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 24 March  
 RSGB 80 m SSB Club Championship, 20:00 - 21:30 UTC 24 March  
 QRP Fox Hunt, 01:00 - 02:30 UTC 25 March  
 NCCC RTTY Sprint, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 25 March  
 NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 25 March  
 K1USN Slow Speed Test, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 25 March  
 CQ WW WPX SSB Contest, 00:00 UTC 26 March to 23:59 UTC 27 March  
 FOC QSO Party, 00:00 - 23:59 UTC 26 March  
 K1USN Slow Speed Test, 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 28 March  
 QCX Challenge, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 28 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 29 March  
 OK1WC Memorial, 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 28 March  
 RSGB FT4 Contest, 20:00 - 21:30 UTC 28 March  
 Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 29 March  
 RTTYOPS Week Sprint, 17:00 - 19:00 UTC 29 March

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